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5. A SEPARATE RELIABLE DIPLOMATIC SOURCE REPORTS THAT ON APRIL 3 MUJAHIDIN DOWNED A DRA HELICOPTER IN THE LALANDAR AREA SOUTHWEST OF KABUL.

6. AN AMBASSADOR WITH CLOSE TIES TO THE REGIME CLAIMS THAT THE LONG-DELAYED PDPA 21ST PLENUM NOW MAY BE POSTPONED INDEFINITELY DUE TO UNRESOLVED DIFFERENCES OVER POWER-SHARING BETWEEN THE PARCHAMI AND KHALQI FACTIONS. EARLIER, A SENIOR DRA AND PARTY FIGURE CLAIMED THAT THE PLENUM WOULD CONVENE EITHER THIS OR NEXT WEEK. (COMMENT: PREPARATIONS FOR THE UPCOMING CELEBRATIONS ASSOCIATED WITH THE "SAUR REVOLUTION" (APRIL 27) WOULD SEEM TO MAKE A PLENUM AFTER MID-APRIL UNLIKELY.)

7. MOSCOW MINIMIZE CONSIDERED. EALUM

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